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In re the application of:

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Sir:


In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements, dated November 6, 2006, attorney for applicant enclosed:

1) a Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the applicants;

2) our check #26774, in the amount of \$365.00, to satisfy the late filing fee of \$65.00, the search fee of \$200.00, and the examination fee of \$100; any additional fees that fall due and owing should be charged to our deposit account 08-2455; and

3) a copy of the Notice of November 6, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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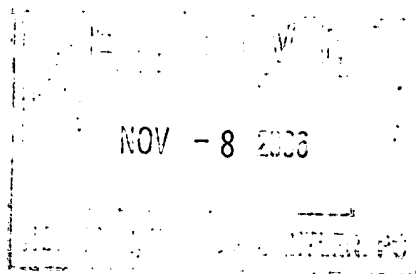


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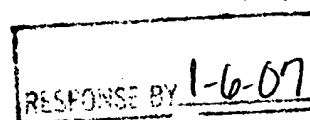
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/28/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/28/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/28/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 04/28/2006
- Small Entity Statement filed on 04/28/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/28/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/28/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/28/2006



The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$365** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65 Surcharge.**
 - The application search fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit **\$200** to complete the search fee. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.
 - The application examination fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit **\$100** to complete the examination fee for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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